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2. **JP 09 077810** - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.
3. **JP 11 302310** - An abstract of the disclosure of this document can be found in the English language Derwent Abstract submitted herewith.
4. **European Search Report for EP 1 400 538 A1** - This is the Search Report for the European Application related to U.S. Application No. 10/659,360.

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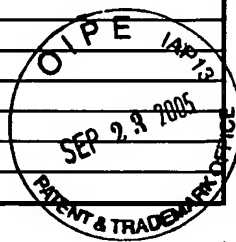
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